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U.S. Food and Drug Administration  
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5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Docket number 98P-0151/CP1

I am writing to urge you to grant the petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals - docket number 98P-0151/CP1.

Animals who are too sick or injured to stand (i.e. "downed animals") should be humanely euthanized at stockyards.

It is impossible to move downed animals humanely, they are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains to slaughter, or abandoned to die slowly from neglect at stockyards.

Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive to industry to prevent downed animals in the first place.

May I hear from you on this matter?

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration,

  
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